

F. W. Sinclair: A Brief Biography

Francis Withersby Sinclair (1845-1888), pen name *F. W. Sinclair*, was a French novelist, futurist, and inventor known for *The Complete Works of F.W. Sinclair*, a series of literary works published in the late 19th century.

Sinclair was born in Versailles, France on December 17th, 1845. He studied at the University of King's College London, where he met Molly Elizabeth Cortwright, who he would marry in 1868. However, their marriage would not last, as in 1882, Molly and Sinclair's mistress, Edrisa Dubois, both left him to be with each other, sending the author into a depressed alcoholic stupor.

Between 1871 and 1886, Sinclair published seven novels. *The Search for the City of Jade* (1871), *Red Prairie Blues* (1872), *The Dangers of Love* (1874), *The Murder of Mrs. Dubois* (1875), *The Enchantress of Cape Medan* (1877), *Tomorrow: A Glimpse Into The Second Millenium* (1880), and *Misunderstood Genius: The Autobiography of F.W. Sinclair* (1886). These are considered by scholars to be pioneering works in the mystery, romance, fantasy, and adventure fiction genres of literature.

In 1888, Sinclair departed from Paris to traverse the world in a clockwork airship of his own design. Neither the craft nor Sinclair were ever heard from again, leading historians to agree that he passed away shortly after his departure.

Quotes:

"The line between a fool and a genius is as thin as his margin for error." - Sinclair said this before breaking both of his legs in an attempt to harness steampower for a prototype jetpack

"The existence of life beyond our world is as certain as my attempts to kill them" - Sinclair was a vocal believer of extraterrestrial life

“If that rat bastard Frederick ever comes to Paris, I swear to God I will string him up by his balls in Château d'If fortress” - Sinclair had a longstanding feud with King Frederick VII of Denmark